

1. The contest will consist of two parts. (A) An 8–10 minute, memorized orations will be given on some phase of the United States Constitution. (B) A 3–5 minute extemporaneous oration on one of the four “assigned topics” assigned by National Headquarters. Topics can be found at [www.legion.org/oratorical/topics](http://www.legion.org/oratorical/topics)

2. The contestant may not use any notes or prompts when giving their oration.

3. A minimum of five (5) judges will judge all contests, grading independently. Local and county contests can be judged by a minimum of three (3) judges.

4. The tabulators will tabulate all scores of the judges and apply any penalties as directed by the Chairman of the contest.

5. The Chairman of the contest will verify the results and announce the winners.

6. The score sheets, timekeeper’s card and tabulation card will become the property of The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania Oratorical Committee.

7. The Department contest will be under the direct supervision of the Oratorical Committee consisting of: Department Commander, Department Adjutant, Department Oratorical Chairman, Department Section Vice Chairmen and Inter–District Chairmen appointed by the Department Commander. In the contest, final authority on all issues raised will remain with the Department Chairmen listed on the reverse side of this brochure or any other members the Department Commander may designate.

8. All rules and regulations pertaining to the contest will follow the National rules and regulations. Rules can be found at [www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/oratoricalrules.pdf](http://www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/oratoricalrules.pdf)

9. Those individuals responsible for conducting the contest shall observe the rules strictly. The “assigned topics” shall be used at all levels of competition.

10. The Department winner must be certified with the National Headquarters no later than March 10, 2014. The Oratorical Committee has established the following contest dates with the understanding that the Department Chairman must approve any later date:

Post/School Finals – Sat., January 11, 2014

County Finals – Sat., January 18, 2014

District Finals – Sat., January 25, 2014

Inter–District Finals – Sat., February 1, 2014

Philadelphia County – Sat., February 8, 2014

Allegheny County – Sat., February 8, 2014

Sectional Finals – Sat., February 15, 2014

Department Finals – Sun., March 9, 2014

National Finals – April 4 – 6, 2014

11. Department finals will be held in the Forum Building at the State Capitol, Harrisburg, PA at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9, 2014. Any changes in the contest finals will be announced as they occur. A banquet will be held on Saturday evening, March 8, 2014 to honor all contestants.

12. All interested students should submit an application no later than January 4, 2014. **All entries are to be mailed to a local Post or District Oratorical Chairman.** A local post can be found at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

## AWARDS

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### First Place Winner

\$7,500 scholarship, plaque and expense paid trip to the Pennsylvania American Legion State Convention to present his/her winning oration, plus the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania in the National and Regional Contests and receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship from the National Organization.

### Second Place Winner

\$5,000 scholarship and plaque

### Third Place Winner

\$4,000 scholarship and plaque.

*NOTE: Scholarships awarded by the Pennsylvania American Legion may be used to attend a college or university in the United States. The scholarships will be forwarded directly to the student at their home address upon receipt of request of funds form. If the contestant chooses not to attend college, an equivalent US Savings Bond will be awarded.*



## Application Form

### 2014 High School Oratorical Contest

## Oratorical Contest Committee

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### RULES & REGULATIONS



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Student Name\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No.\_\_\_\_\_

High School\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

I have read the rules and regulations to participate in the Oratorical Contest, sponsored by The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania. I have also read the National brochure and agree to abide by those rules and regulations as well.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_